(c) Family Welfare Programme is being promoted on a Voluntary basis among all sections of the population. Efforts are made to enlist support to the programme, of opinion leaders from various walks of life through inter-personal communication, orientation training camps, and involvement of voluntary organisations.

(d) Consistent with the Government Policy to promote the Family Welfare Programme on a voluntary basis, special guidelines have been issued to the States/UTs not to implement the programme mechanically in tribal areas where the population of certain communities is either stagnant or declining. States have been instructed to give due attention to the need for strengthening the general health care and maternal and child health services including immunisation and improvement of nutritional status of the tribals.

Statement

Progress in Family Planning Programme in selected States

States	% of Couples estimated to be protected by various methods of Family Planning as on	
	31st March 1985	31st March 1987
1. Assam	24·9	26·5
2. Bihar	17·2	20·6
3. Gujarat	43·5	51·0
4. Haryana	45·8	53 2
5. Madhya Pradesh	29·5	36 1
6. Orissa	32 8	36·4
7. Rajasthan	19·8	26·0
8. Uttar Pradesh	17·1	25·0
9 Arunachal Pradesh	4 4	6 6

Howrah-Amta-Champadanga-Sheakhala Rail Line

*163. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress made so far in completing the Howrah-Amta-Champadanga-Sheakhala rail line project; and

(b) whether there is any delay in the completion of this project, if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) 24 km. from Santragachi to Bargachia was opened in 1984. Work on the remaining portion could not be taken up due to constraint of resources.

Casinos in the Hotels to attract Tourists in the Country

*164. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL :

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to allow hotels to run casinos for foreign tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme in this regard;

(c) what is the expected increase in foreign exchange earnings on this score; and

(d) whether the effect of such activity on the local people and their attitude towards the same in the context of Indian culture and heritage has also been taken into account ?